



# the Bugle

**W**hen October rolls around, it always reminds me of the end of the growing season. It is time to prune perennial gardens, rake leaves, aerate and fertilize the lawn, drain the water fountains and in general, prepare for winter. Schools are again in session; crops are ripening, and harvest equipment is combing the fields to retrieve the produce of summer's results. Warm evenings give way to cooler temperatures and the sun begins to set earlier and further south on the horizon. Fall has officially begun, and no one knows how much longer it will be before Autumn colors fade completely as the final stage unfolds before winter's rest. I love the changing seasons, the ending of one and the advent of another. Change is among us and it is happening before our eyes.

For many of us, locally and around the world, we welcome change even more than before. We long for opportunities to live and breathe without fear of becoming sick or being the cause of someone else's illness. It has been a long six months and many health experts caution that it will be another six to twelve months before we can say the Coronavirus threat has diminished. We are ready to close the chapter on this pandemic time and return to some kind of normalcy. But even as seasons change, it is good to reflect on where we have been and to apply what we have learned toward future hope.

As I recall these months, I am grateful for many things. Allow me to share what I have learned about the blessings we have experienced.

- A fruitful internship and the generosity that made it possible to share in the support and nurturing of a competent candidate toward a rostered position in the life of Christ's church.

- An exciting renovation project and the generosity that has and continues to support Renewing God's House.
- Numerous volunteers who have cleaned, moved, cleaned, packed, run control wires, watered sod and shrubs, set up new spaces and countless other tasks that support the renovation project and prepare for our return.
- The many who created and supported a creative Vacation Bible School program.
- Thomas Jefferson staff appreciation and support
- Volunteers at Midwest Food Bank
- Community support through Outreach funding
- Creative and exciting plans for the fall education.
- Many individuals and families who have shaped and participated in virtual worship.
- Talented technicians and volunteers.
- Expansion of music ministry staff.
- Member support through care packages, phone calls and numerous other expressions of kindness.
- Online Bible studies, meetings and fellowship.
- Transition of office staff personnel.

These are just some of what has taken place for which I am most grateful. These are signs of God's abundance at work among us. As we make our way into the fall season and as the changes unfold before us, it is my prayer that we pause, give thanks, and ponder what sort of opportunities God has planned for us. God remains the source of all good gifts. I am so very thankful to have witnessed so many blessings and thank God for each of you in the ways you have shared in them. May the goodness of God continue to produce kingdom fruit among us.



Pastor Craig Swenson

# BACK to the BUILDING

We know members are eager to get back together in person and worship in our lovely newly renovated church! A team has been formed to plan for use of the building and how to re-gather in a low risk manner. The health and safety of both the congregation and staff is paramount in our decision-making.

The team, consisting of Kim Ascherl, Leo Vandervlugt, Dave Rees and Susan Ross, has recently begun meeting and is exploring the procedures that need to be in place prior to providing in-person services in a low risk environment for those who would like to have the opportunity to do so. Plans are to also continue to offer the current online services which so many are enjoying.

The building use for other gatherings such as small groups and committee meetings will also be considered.

Our goal is to make recommendations at the October Council meeting with the possibility of offering in-person services starting late October. Thank you for your patience while we strive to minimize the risks.

## LIVE PHONE CALL WITH PASTOR CRAIG

The option to dial into worship by phone will still continue for those particularly without internet access to dial in by phone to visit with Pastor Craig on Sunday mornings. The number is (727) 731-1641. The call is active at 9am each Sunday.

## BUILDING A CULTURE OF Generosity

Several Salem members are participating in a fall stewardship program along to inform, share stories of generosity, ask for your participation and celebrate God's abundance as we recall the blessings of this past year and make plans for the year that is to come. Mailings will arrive at your homes beginning this month outlining this program and inviting your participation. Please anticipate these resources and begin to ponder your gifts of support for the work God has in store for us through Salem Lutheran Church. Thank you.



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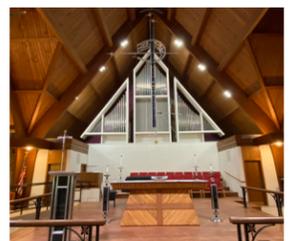
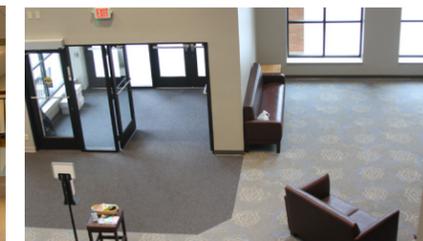
## EXPANDING OUR POSSIBILITIES

### A GIVING PROGRESS UPDATE

Since August 1, Renewing God's House capital appeal cash receipts have exceeded \$150,000. To date over \$1,800,000 in total cash contributed and other gifts have been received towards this three-year appeal. Included in these numbers is money, which was received from members who did not pledge and other sources including rent, cd interest, and gifts from Thrivent.

A special thanks to those who have completed their 3-year pledges, to those who have given above their 3-year pledges, and a special thanks for those who did not pledge but have contributed to the campaign. Over \$90,000 has been contributed by members and other sources who did not pledge. Now that construction is almost complete it is important that members continue to complete the gifts necessary to fulfill their individual pledges. Please know that any gift is welcomed and helps with the amount of funds that will be borrowed to complete the project.

Salem is on our way to having a very successful capital campaign. A big thank you to all those who have completed their pledge and to all those who continue to be faithful in meeting their remaining commitments.



Youth programming is certainly different this fall – but using this time to **GROW IN FAITH TO LOVE AND SERVE REMAINS THE SAME!**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM FOR ALL!

It was so wonderful to see people at the Rally Day Zoom. Everyone seemed to enjoy “getting together” so we are going to continue to meet once a month on the second Sunday. That means we will be getting together on **October 11 at 10am.**

Don't be late as we meet for 30 minutes and you won't want to miss the fun and fellowship. At the Rally Day Zoom we had a couple of Old Testament visitors... a penguin from Noah's Ark (really Kris Griffith in costume) and King Solomon (really Jason Lantz in robe and crown). It was fun to try and guess who they were. Everyone was challenged to be creative and come to the October Sunday School Zoom dressed as a favorite Bible character. That will be one of our activities when we “see” each other on October 11! And I am sure Jason Lantz will have some Bible trivia for us to answer. Everyone is invited to join! Please watch the Bugle Blast for the Zoom link.

### JUNIOR HIGH - FAITH FOR LIFE

**FAITH FOR LIFE** students (6th, 7th & 8th graders) are experiencing **FAITH AT HOME** from now through the end of 2020. All students have received a pack of **30 LIVE YOUR FAITH** activities and are required to complete 15 of their choice (approximately 1 per week) by the end of 2020. They will be reviewing these activities with their parents each week. Watch for examples of these activities in future newsletters this fall.

In addition to these activities, **FAITH FOR LIFE** students are participating in Sunday night devotions on ZOOM. These devotions are 20 minutes long in an effort to limit student screen time. We are following the same Old Testament Bible Stories the Sunday School program is using and adding a quick **FAITH FOR TODAY** discussion, sharing highs and lows, and sending students off with a prayer and blessing on their week ahead. In September, these devotions were shared with Kappa Chi and the students were separated by genders. **Starting Sunday, October 4, Faith for Life students will have devotions together at 7pm and high school students will meet on-line at 7:30pm.**

Faith for Life students will have **On-line Game Night Friday night October 9 from 7pm-8pm.** Watch for other faith and fellowship opportunities as they develop. Kappa Chi (high school) will have an **On-line Game Night Friday night October 9 from 7pm-8pm.**

### HIGH SCHOOL - KAPPA CHI

This fall, high school students are encouraged to try a new way of **LIVING THEIR FAITH** by participating in or taking the lead in one or more **LIFE OF THE CHURCH** ministries. These activities help students find **IDENTITY, BELONGING AND PURPOSE IN JESUS** by exercising their creativity and leadership skills and being a part of teams doing something that matters. Serving also helps youth get to know others in their faith community better (even on Zoom), is a great addition to college and job applications, and, it's a great opportunity to strengthen the parent/youth/faith relationship by working on something together. Some examples **KAPPA CHI** students are already involved in and encouraged to consider include:

- Planning monthly surprises for our Thomas Jefferson teachers & staff. (Encouragement Bombs)
- Helping lead Sunday worship on-line; sharing gifts such as special music, reading lessons, etc.
- Helping coordinate Salem's involvement in Be Like Jesus – Families on a Mission (see article on the next page.)
- Serving on a church committee via ZOOM - helping set Salem priorities for the future
- Helping plan creative outreach projects for pandemic times.
- Making prayer blankets - or helping coordinate this ministry
- Making videos for special projects
- And, so much more!

Please contact the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry, Jill Goldhammer, to get involved in one of the above projects or submit another idea. Parents, please encourage your youth to say “Yes” to trying something new when Jill contacts them! Adult mentors to assist youth in **LIVING THEIR FAITH** projects are welcome to contact Jill, too.



**DEAR JESUS-**  
I PRAY THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF SALEM WILL FIND INDENTITY IN YOU BELONGING IN YOUR CHURCH & PURPOSE IN YOUR MISSION. AMEN.

### Be Like Jesus: Families on a Mission

Your family is invited to join other families for a special weekend of service. Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 23-25. We'll start the weekend off on Friday, October 23 at 6:30pm with a family commissioning and short concert by Shawn Smith (live via Zoom)! Families will be encouraged to choose a mission or service project to do together at your convenience sometime on Saturday or Sunday (a list of suggestions will be provided). A final (Zoom) concert with Shawn Smith will wrap up the weekend on Sunday, October 25 at 6:30pm.

Watch the Bugle and Bugle Blasts for registration information. Contact Jill Goldhammer (jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com) with questions or for more information.



### SALEM GOLF SCRAMBLE OUTING! Come Join the Outdoor Action! Registrations due Saturday Oct. 3rd by noon!

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 4 at first tee time at 2pm (8 tee times)  
**WHERE:** Kellogg Executive Nine Hole Golf Course (Radnor Road, Peoria)  
**Green fees:** \$14.40 < 65 y/o; with cart \$24.00\*  
\$14.00 > 65 y/o; with cart \$22.50\*  
\*\$8.50/Additional cart: Non-family members may request their own golf cart to follow COVID-19 distancing guidelines.



Open for anyone in high school and older! This two person scramble event is an opportunity to invite your non Salem friends to come golf with you at this Salem outing. Neighbors, friends, family members or spouses are all welcome to join you for this fun event!

#### Special Events and Prizes:

- Longest Drive in the Fairway (men and women) • Closest to the pin on your drive - par 3- (men and women)
- Longest Putt (men and women)

#### POST-GOLF SCRAMBLE: Sandwich Meal Fellowship

Avantis sandwiches (\$7.50 each) to be served after Golf Scramble under the trees by the Kellogg parking lot. Please bring your own lawn chair and beverages. COVID-19 distancing guidelines will be observed. Questions please call Julie Kotewa (309) 712-8175 or email Julie Kotewa: kotewajulie@gmail.com or the church office: office@salemofpeoria.com.

## STONE SOUP: Outreach Ministry “curbside” food collection for the Bethel Food Pantry

The theme for the food drive is **“Stone Soup - Bring what you’ve got and put it in the pot!”**

Salem’s version of stone soup will collect non-perishable items to donate to our community partner, **Bethel United Methodist’s Food Pantry**. Members from the Outreach Ministry will collect your items curbside on **October 10 from 10am-12pm**.

Watch a video about the Ann McGovern’s story of “Stone Soup”: <https://youtu.be/BZf60cb3Th8>.

### Suggested Items:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Soups
- Mac and cheese
- Tuna
- Spam or other similar canned luncheon meat
- Crackers - saltine and graham
- Cornbread mix
- Cereals

*Bring what you've got, and put it in the pot!*



## FAIR TRADE UPDATE: October 2020

Many thanks to all who have continued to purchase Fair trade items during this time when we are not able to be together in person. During a recent meeting with Fair Trade church coordinators from across the United States, we learned that Equal Exchange’s sales of fair trade coffee are down by 38,000 lbs. (year to date) because churches are closed during the pandemic. This in turn affects the small farmers, as there is less demand for their products.

**MAKE IT HAPPEN  
CHOOSE FAIRTRADE**



Like Salem, other churches are trying to come up with some innovative ways to continue the ministry. Many are asking church members or order online or call in their orders to one of our Fair Trade team members for pickup, much as we have done. We will continue to do the once a month pickup (this month it will be **Saturday,**

**October 10**) and will also deliver products to your home if the pickup day does not work for you! Please contact Jennifer Gallas at 309-256-5862 or Jane Topel at 309-966-4953. You can use our online form to order coffee (K-Cups, ground or whole bean), candy bars, olive oil, nuts, and cocoa.

Starting in October, we will be featuring some products for baking - fair trade chocolate chips and baking cocoa, as well as nuts! The form link for our products will be in the **Bugle Blast**.

Please help us continue to move volume for farmers by enjoying Equal Exchange small farmer products at home. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

-Jane, Jennifer and Karen - Salem’s Fair Trade team

## THOMAS JEFFERSON STAFF APPRECIATION

Each school year is full of challenges, but this one is extreme in so many ways. Judy Cagle and Lois Knutson helped put together an appreciation basket of goodies for staff members at adopt-a-school partner Thomas Jefferson Primary School. We treasure our adopt-a-school partnership, and Salem’s continued thoughts and prayers are appreciated.



## ULRICH FAMILY UPDATE



We are currently in the United States. A huge thank you to those that made it possible for us to return. During this time, we are still visiting churches and friends and family but we are doing it at a much slower pace to try to keep everyone as safe as possible. We are taking a little bit of time to rest but we are still doing a lot of work for our ministries in Malawi. You may not be aware that we are still working as missionaries while we are in the states and still rely

on financial support and do not have any other jobs or source of income while we are here. This visit may be extended due to COVID- 19 but we will be working specifically on the Sunday School Curriculum a lot while we are here, which thankfully, due to our four years in Malawi, will still be possible for us to continue this work while we are here. And we also are communicating with all of our other ministries that continue to have an impact on the people of Malawi.

Please continue to pray for Malawi and our programs while we are gone. Also pray for us to have time to work on the curriculum and schooling the children. Pray the doors will be open for us to go back at the time that the Lord wants and that God will continue to give us peace of mind during this uncertain season we are in.

We thank you all for your love and support during this season of change. We look forward to checking in with many more of you soon to hear what God is doing in your lives and answering any questions you have about these ministries.

Although is a very replenishing season in our lives, we have longing anticipation to get back to Malawi and continuing our ministries in person. We leave you with this verse:

**“YET HE HAS NOT LEFT HIMSELF WITHOUT TESTIMONY: HE HAS SHOWN KINDNESS BY GIVING YOU RAIN FROM HEAVEN AND CROPS IN THEIR SEASONS. HE PROVIDES - YOU WITH PLENTY OF FOOD AND FILLS YOUR HEARTS WITH JOY.”** (Acts 14:17)

Don’t forget to check out our blog at [HopeRisesTogether.wordpress.com](https://www.hoperisestogether.wordpress.com) and our Facebook pages for more ministry, prayer, and family updates.

Luke, Jamie, Mark, Miriam, and Aaron  
Global Teams International

*In the Akazembe ministry, there is often a time for the children to share with each other. This allows the others to see what is happening in the lives of their friends because of what God is doing. One of the children in this ministry gave his testimony at one of the gatherings we recently attended. In his words:*

**“MY NAME IS PRAISE. I HAVE A TESTIMONY. HERE IS MY TESTIMONY. BEFORE I WAS DOING MANY THINGS THAT I SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN DOING. I WASN’T PASSING MY CLASSES BECAUSE OF THOSE THINGS. WHEN I CAME TO AKAZEMBE. I CHANGED MY LIFE AND I STOPPED DOING THOSE THINGS. WHEN I TURNED TO JESUS, I STARTED PASSING MY EXAMS. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE MY FRIENDS THAT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRAY. GOD BLESSES THOSE WHO FOLLOW HIM. AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO WORK HARD IN YOUR CLASSES.”**

## Zoom Connections

Reading, studying and pondering God's word is an experience that inspires and nurtures faith. Sharing this activity with others builds community and expands our insights into God's word. Many Salem members have a practice of sharing in times of Bible study on Sundays and throughout the week. Below are some opportunities for connections.

### Zoom Sunday Fellowship

MEET at 11AM  
Zoom link included in Bugle Blast

### Zoom Wednesday Bible Study

PASTOR CRAIG LEADS WEEKLY READINGS at 10AM  
Zoom link included in Bugle Blast

### Zoom Wednesday Faith at Home

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY FOR ADULTS at 7PM  
Zoom link included in Bugle Blast

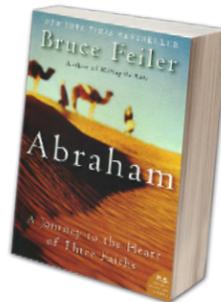
### Zoom Friday Mom's Group

SALEM MOMS MEET at 1PM  
Please contact Leah Grebner for the Zoom link

## OCTOBER BOOK: "Abraham"

### Zoom Discussion Meeting will be October 29 at 7:30pm

Both immediate and timeless, **Abraham** tells the powerful story of one man's search for the shared ancestor of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Traveling through war zones, braving violence at religious sites, and seeking out faith leaders, Bruce Feiler uncovers the defining yet divisive role that Abraham plays for half the world's believers. Provocative and uplifting, **Abraham** offers a thoughtful and inspiring vision of unity that redefines what we think about our neighbors, our future, and ourselves.



Everyone is welcome to join Salem's Book Club! You may join for just one book if it seems of interest to you. Members read the book during the month and we meet the for one hour on Zoom to discuss the book. If you would like to join the Book Club please email Gretchen at [gpetrakis@salemofpeoria.com](mailto:gpetrakis@salemofpeoria.com) and she will make sure you receive the Zoom meeting link.



## VIRTUAL 17TH ANNUAL PRAY FOR THE CURE

A SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE DEDICATED TO BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS

Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 6:30pm

Find the event on Facebook: [@KomenPeoria](#) or online at [www.salemofpeoria.com](http://www.salemofpeoria.com)

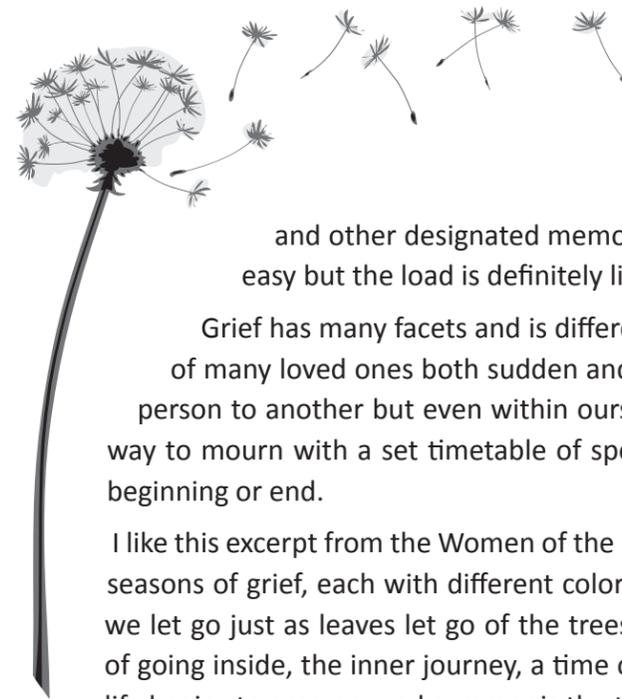
Join the Pray for the Cure for this **Virtual Ecumenical Prayer Service** enhancing the breast cancer survivor's spiritual well-being in healing and recovery through special music, reflections and prayers from survivors and encouragement for survivors

Invite your family and friends to join you in worshipping together during this special **Virtual Prayer Service**.

### For additional information contact:

Linda Butler, Promotions Chairperson: (309) 688-7912 or  
Helene Peterson, Committee Member: (309) 453-7022, [HMPeterson1@comcast.net](mailto:HMPeterson1@comcast.net)

## SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH NURSE



First, I would like to thank my Salem family for all their support not only following my mother, Arlene Schroeder's death but throughout her long illness of Alzheimer's. Thank you for your constant prayers, words of support, meaningful cards, and contributions to Salem's Endowment and other designated memorials. Caregiving as well as the grieving process is never easy but the load is definitely lightened when supported by loved ones and friends.

Grief has many facets and is different for each of us. As one who has experienced the loss of many loved ones both sudden and "expected," the journey is not only different from one person to another but even within ourselves each time it happens. There is no right or wrong way to mourn with a set timetable of specific rules. Rather grief is a process with no particular beginning or end.

I like this excerpt from the Women of the ELCA's study, "The Faces of Grief" – "There appear to be seasons of grief, each with different colors and each with a different purpose. In the fall of grief, we let go just as leaves let go of the trees and fall to the ground. The winter of grief is the time of going inside, the inner journey, a time of hibernation as it were. In the springtime of grief new life begins to emerge; and summer is the time when life continues, and we let it be nourished and grow. Again, we need to remember that the process is seldom linear. We may move from spring back into winter for a while, and the letting go process often is ongoing."

Grief is commonly thought about following the death of a loved one but one often grieves following the loss of a job, one's good health, a relationship, a home, pet, financial stability, and more. The grieving process affects us emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually. There are many things we can do to take care of ourselves as we work through those seasons of grief but that would be another article. For more resources regarding grief, you can contact me and when we are able to get back together again, stop by the Parish Nurse office to look at resources.

## Statement of Ownership

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# Salem's Prayer Blanket & Shawl Ministry

*Created with love.... Crochet. Knit. Tie. Pray.*

We currently have 14 prayer shawls at church ready to be given away. These were made by faithful Salem hands and blessed in worship in the past. If you know of a need and wish to give one on behalf of Salem, please contact Leah in the church office at 688-9212 or Congregational Care Chairperson, Helene Peterson at 453-7022.



Many Salem members made these shawls in the past. If you wish to make shawls and blankets for this ministry going forward, please contact Helene also.

This ministry is in need a coordinator or co-coordinators. The coordinator(s) do not necessarily have to make blankets and shawls, but instead help coordinate the blessing and distribution as well as help design creative opportunities for the congregation to become involved in this caring ministry. This would be an awesome opportunity for a Kappa Chi student (or students) to "Live their Faith" or a parent/child team of co-coordinators. Work from home, and you are welcome to serve for one year then hand off the coordinator responsibilities to the next leadership team. Contact Helene or Jill in the church office if you want more information about leading this very caring project.

## Hymn Sing on Zoom!

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord! On Saturday, October 24 at 7pm raise your joyful voices and sing your favorite hymns on a special Hymn Sing event. The Hymn Sing, which will be hosted on Zoom will be led by Director of Music, Maggie Slotter. Interact with other Salem Lutheran friends and families as your favorite hymns are sung. Watch for the Zoom link in the Bugle Blast or contact the church office for details.



## The Church Mouse

Have you been to The Church Mouse lately? Located at 600 W Main St, Peoria near the campus of Bradley University. A sanitizing business was recently hired to perform a thorough cleaning. It's ready for you to come in and browse. Stop by on Thursday or Friday between 10am-4pm or on Saturday between 10am-3pm. A variety of merchandise at low prices!

### The Church Mouse Volunteer Opportunity

Do you have desire to volunteer or work part time at The Church Mouse? Volunteer clerks and a warehouse person are needed at this time in order to keep the store open and keep it running efficiently. Please call the current assistant manager, Joan Resler, at (309) 673-2363 for more information.

## Peoria Dining Tour Coupon Books

127 local restaurants are included in the 2021 book. For \$30, you will receive a coupon towards whatever you are hungry for! Only twenty of the one hundred and twenty-seven establishments are considered "dine in only", so you can visit today! Coupons are valid through Oct 31, 2021. Please contact Inez Norgard if you are interested in purchase a book. Please make your check payable to the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria. Thank you for your continued support!

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

### October 1

Kim Ascherl  
Zachary Ferrell

### October 2

Velma Crowley  
Stephanie Dammann  
Miles Janssen  
John Sipf

### October 3

Susan Oldenburg  
JR Runkel

### October 4

Jackson Grabel  
Karsen Grabel

### October 5

Allen Bidne

### October 6

Alton Berg  
MaryAlice Erickson  
Elijah Sipf

### October 7

Trenton Hainline  
Meghan Peterson

### October 10

David Griffith  
Maren Kelly

### October 11

Terry Krus

### October 12

Aaron Hartman  
Brent Wallstedt

### October 13

Jane Grimm  
Scott Hainline  
Michael Newcomb

### October 15

Melissa Aprahamian  
Sharon Coyner  
Gavin Stenzel

### October 16

Roberta Kessinger

### October 17

Shirley Hornecker

### October 18

James Ripper  
Kelly Swanson

### October 19

Christa Taubert  
Gayle Young

### October 20

Janet Kaizer  
Matthew Kammerer

### October 21

Kelsi Gustafson  
Jaxon Howard

### October 23

Susan Barham  
Joann Blum  
John Grabel

### October 25

Jodi Campbell  
Brett Cooper  
Faith Forkell  
Erika Haedicke  
Sandra Harvey  
Fred Stamerjohn

### October 26

John Day  
Celeste Woerner

### October 27

Alison Meinert

### October 28

Mike Shadley

### October 29

Gail Serrahn

### October 30

Aaron Grebner  
Ann Sterr  
Annie Swanson

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR...

- Salem's growing ministry

### DIRECTION...

- Salem Congreg. Council
- Salem's Pastor, Deacon and Staff
- Salem's Renovation Project
- Salem's Sister Congregation - St. John's Shelbyville

### PRAYERS REQUESTS...

- All those affected with COVID-19
- The men and women of our armed forces
- Support for all caregivers when loved ones suffer
- Individuals suffering from depression
- People of Guatemala

- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank
- Wally Bastian and his family
- Luan Borquist
- Ruby Chelgren
- Rev. Tom Christell, Jr.
- Scott Cochran
- Keith Erickson
- Gabe
- Jack Grant
- Joyce Grubb
- Deanna Grubb
- Laurie Hacker
- Ron Hipple
- Helen Johnson
- Nicole Inman
- Briggs Landwehr and family
- Carl Lindquist and his family
- Judy Livingston

- Morgan Lott
- Bill Mettam
- Tom Mueller
- Dr. Rick O'Connor
- Rosy Park
- The family of Cindy Turner
- Ella Vandervlugt
- Wayne (brother of Barbi Ricketts)
- Karla and Roman Wegrzyn
- Lesly Wegrzyn

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

Stateside: Gibson Gonzalez, Emily Graff, Barry Joyce, Jim Sterling, Jason Sterr, Scott Wolfmeyer  
Overseas: Ian Borquist, Talon Maki



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

# BACK *to the* BUILDING



## Back to the Building Tours

Come see the incredible changes at Salem! Building Tours are being organized starting early October by members of the Building Committee, Scott Faulkner and Helene Peterson. Please watch the Bugle Blast for more details as the tour timing is currently being determined.

Tours will be on a reservation only basis and conducted with:

- 5 or less people at a time (or families)
- Hand sanitation upon entering the building
- Masks and social distancing
- Minimizing touching surfaces

Please note that you must reschedule your tour if you are ill, not feeling well, had exposure to someone with a positive Covid-test or are awaiting test results.

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